respect of funds released under various schemes for development of tribals are being regularly received from the Government of Maharashtra and it is being certified by the Government of Maharashtra that the funds are utilised for the purpose for which they are released.

Statement

Year-wise Details of Funds Allocated to the State Maharashtra for Different Schemes of the Tribal Development By the Ministry of Welfare During Last Three Years

(Rs. Lakhs)

		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1.	Special Central Assistance	2234.35	2106.34	2930.82
2.	Grants-in-aid under Article 275(1) of the Constitution	795.00	801.75	801.75
3.	Ashram Schools	69.42	1.76	—
4.	Educational Complex for ST girls	6.33	—	0.68
5.	Grants-in-aid to State TDCCs	53.00	30.00	75.00
6.	Assistance to Voluntary Organisations working for STs	42.63	57.00	40.74
7.	Research & Training	23.75	24.30	—
8.	Vocational Training Centres	—	54.12	—

Central Assistance for Old Age Homes in Maharashtra

2404. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have set up or provided financial assistance to State Government or voluntary organisations for setting up old age homes to provide necessary living facilities to destitute and neglected old persons in the Vidarbha region of the State of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the district-wise details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government would extend assistence to the voluntary organisatons for encouraging them to set up such homes in the Vidarbha region of the State on priority?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) and (b) Under the Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Welfare of the Aged financial assistance is being provided to only one organisation in Maharashtra for the purpose of Old Age Home as per details given below:—

Name of NGO	Distt.
Rashtrasant Tukdoji Maharaj Technical & Education Society, Ganeshpeth Nagpur-14	Nagpur

(c) Under the Schemes of the Ministry grants in aid are provided to voluntary organisations for Old Age Homes subject to fulfilment of prescribed eligibility conditions and availability of funds under the Schemes. All the regions of the country including Vidarbha are eligible for such assistance.